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1. The China Democratic Association (Chung Kuo Min Chu Hsieh Hui 中國民主協會), with headquarters in Hong Kong, has been formed by a group comprising LI Tsung-jen supporters and other liberal members of the Legislative Yuan.
2. The aim of the Association is eventually to form a political party which will gain legal status under a coalition government and which will be an instrument to be employed in opposing the Communists.
3. Leaders are CHANG Ch'ien-hua (張潛華), LANG Ping-hsia (郎冰俠), and WANG Tan-ts'en (王丹岑). The present membership numbers about forty, with members mainly in Hong Kong, but with some in Shanghai, Taiwan, Chungking and Canton.
4. The Association is planning to bring together splinter parties other than those associated with the Democratic League and the Kuomintang Revolutionary Committee. These splinter parties are presently seeking to amalgamate into a Democratic Alliance (Min Chu Lien Le She 民主聯絡社) under the sponsorship of LI Tsung-jen and based on the old Kwangsi Clique.

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Comment. The Association is still in a formative stage, and it is impossible to predict if it will become a significant political force. However, the leaders are realistic and capable and may well prove a rallying point for a considerable group of liberals who are basically anti-Communist.

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